

## Teambuilding is focus at the Worldwide Education Symposium

What does a Skip Langdon novel and the location of the Worldwide Education Symposium's Thursday night event have in common?

This trivia question appeared on the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium's Web site (<http://www.ww06.com>) in September.

Some of the planning for the 2006 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium (WW06) to be held in Orlando, Fla., during the week of 17-21 July 2006 has been focused on finding ways to bring the voluntary education community closer together. Not only is the Symposium a chance every few years to share new ideas and information, but also it provides the opportunity to expand our network of colleagues and build relationships that can only help us better accomplish our mission of providing quality education programs and services for the military.



The 2006 Planning Committee looked long and hard at the many venues available in Orlando for a teambuilding event. While some folks thought pig chases would be great fun, others leaned toward a medieval setting. "Since the Symposium hotel, the Orlando World

Center Marriott, is home to the largest swimming pool in Florida, why not get together at the pool?" suggested someone else.

However, nothing seemed quite right until one committee member came up with the idea of the House of Blues. **Yes, the answer to the trivia question is (play the trumpets, please) "House of Blues."** It is both the title of one

of Skip Langdon's books and the location of the culminating event of the 2006 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium!

The first person to answer the question correctly was Sharon Edwards, guidance counselor, Warren AFB, Wyoming. She won a copy of the book, a pair of House of Blues sunglasses, and some HOB Amazing Cornbread mix. However, not only did Edwards receive a cool prize, but also she earned points for her team, as did all of the other

persons who responded.

According to Lieutenant Shannon Cummings, Wisconsin Army National

**Q: What does a Skip Langdon novel and the location of the Symposium's Thursday night event have in common?**

**(HINT: The location is a place of soulful southern hospitality with music and southern-inspired cuisine. It is found in other cities besides Orlando – the original location was a converted historical home in Cambridge, Mass.)**

**A: See left.**

Guard and WW06 Special Events Coordinator, every Symposium participant will be a member of one of the following eight teams: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Other Government, Schools or Industry. Lt. Cummings has a number of special activities planned throughout the Symposium—**did she say the fun run/walk starts at 5:30 a.m.????!**

Those who survive until Thursday night will be revived by 'soulful Southern' cuisine and rockin' music. Who will present the WW06 Team Challenge Award at the House of Blues? Will it be Tina Turner, Little Richard, Aretha Franklin, the Blues Brothers, or Edgar, the eagle? Join in the fun and, more importantly, get to know your colleagues and partners in voluntary education. In the end, we all will be winners.

Don't miss out. Make your hotel reservation now. Information is available at the 2006 Worldwide Education Symposium Web site at <http://www.ww06.com>.

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3 Excelsior Extended  
Response (Essay)  
4 LSAT

### March 2006

4-8 Praxis\*

### Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

\*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

[http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/library/docs/examinations/05-06cal.pdf](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/05-06cal.pdf)

## Booklets obsolete

Do you administer the ACT Assessment? Look in your safe. If you have 2004-2005 ACT Assessment test booklets (Form 60D), they cannot be used after 31 October 2005.

To order the new form, see page II-2-6 of the FY06 online *DANTES Examination Program Handbook* (DEPH) ACT Chapter.

Remember, you must also return unused 2004-2005 ACT Assessment Answer Folders with the test booklets or account for them in writing if they cannot be returned. **Ensure that you return these test materials to the Scott Boulevard address.** New test materials will not be sent until ACT reconciles your inventory.

## CLEP introducing new precalculus exam

At the recent National College Testing Association conference in Portland, Ore., The College Board announced the introduction in January 2006 of a new CLEP eCBT computer-based precalculus exam. The development of this exam was recommended by faculty serving on CLEP mathematics committees based on both their assessment of the academic environments at their institutions and a catalog search conducted by CLEP. Results of this catalog search showed that precalculus is a widely taught course at colleges and universities, and that there is a need for a CLEP exam that could better assess "calculus-readiness" than current exams in College Algebra-Trigonometry and Trigonometry. The American Council on Education (ACE) recommends three semester hours of college credit for successfully passing this test. The College Board is retiring these two trigonometry-related tests effective June 2006.

While the recently distributed 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *CLEP Official Study Guide 2006* does not contain the sample test for the new precalculus test, the College Board intends to provide a precalculus sample test on their Web site in the very near future. Prospective examinees will be able to download the precalculus sample test free for six months.

This computer-delivered test is 90 minutes in length and consists of 48 questions in two sections. Section I allows for the use of an online graphing calculator. Only some of the 25 questions require the use of the calculator. Section II does not permit the use of the calculator. The precalculus exams measures knowledge in the following areas:

Algebraic Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities (20%)  
Functions: Concept, Properties, and Operations (15%)  
Representations of Functions: Symbolic, Graphical, and Tabular (30%)  
Analytic Geometry (10%)  
Trigonometry and its Applications (15%)  
Functions as Models (10%)

For information, visit the College Board Web site at [www.collegeboard.org/clep](http://www.collegeboard.org/clep).

## New Excelsior College exam

Excelsior College announced the availability of five new DANTES-funded examinations for the 2005-2006 testing year. The new exams are objective tests, and each is recommended for three semester hours of college credit.

### Effective October 2005:

World Conflicts Form 512 AA1 & BA1

### Effective 2006 (dates to be announced):

Juvenile Delinquency Form 411 AA1 & BA1  
Social Psychology Form 412 AA1 & BA1  
Bioethics Form 413 AA1 & BA1  
Cultural Diversity Form 545 AA1 & BA1

To obtain ordering instructions for Excelsior College and all other DANTES exams, visit the new online FY06 DEPH available at the Examination Management Information System (EMIS) at [http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/examinations/EMIS\\_Intermediate.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/EMIS_Intermediate.htm).

### New MOU with teacher certification program

The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DANTES. This MOU makes the ABCTE examinations available to military personnel at authorized base education centers. ABCTE is in the process of completing their information for inclusion into the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook* (DEPH), online version. We are excited about this new partnership since it directly supports the *Troops to Teachers* program. You can anticipate finding



the DEPH online chapter for ABCTE under "Certification Programs" section soon at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

### FAA administrators exam

It is time to retake your FAA Administrator's examination. The

authorization expires one year from the exam date on your Airman Knowledge Test Score Report. Non-compliance will prevent access to the FAA examination site. For more information, contact DANTES at DSN 922-1360 or COM 850-452-1360 or send us an E-mail at [certprog@voled.doded.mil](mailto:certprog@voled.doded.mil).

### ASE study materials

DANTES receives many inquiries about the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Test Catalogs. We no longer send out the catalogs.

They are available on the ASE Web site: <http://asecert.org>. Find the catalogs under "ASE Downloads." ASE has placed the materials in PDF format.

## Counseling

### Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® most widely used assessment

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI) instrument continues to be the most trusted and widely used assessment in the world for understanding individual differences and uncovering new ways to work and interact with others. The MBTI tools help improve individual and team performance as well as explore the world of work.

The MBTI Profile and Career Reports will help an individual understand personality preferences and discuss the benefits of choosing a job that is a good fit for his/her own personality type.

The Career Report will explore preferred work tasks and work environments and offers strategies for improving job satisfaction. The report includes expanded coverage of popular fields, such as business, health care, computer technology, as well as high-

level executive and management occupations. The MBTI is available online or as a self-scorable version.

To administer the MBTI, you must meet the educational requirements and/or have attended a DANTES MBTI workshop. Educational requirements are a bachelor's degree and satisfactory completion of a course in the interpretation of psychological assessments at an accredited college or university. You can complete a qualification form from CPP by contacting Susie Plantan at [splantan@cpp.com](mailto:splantan@cpp.com).

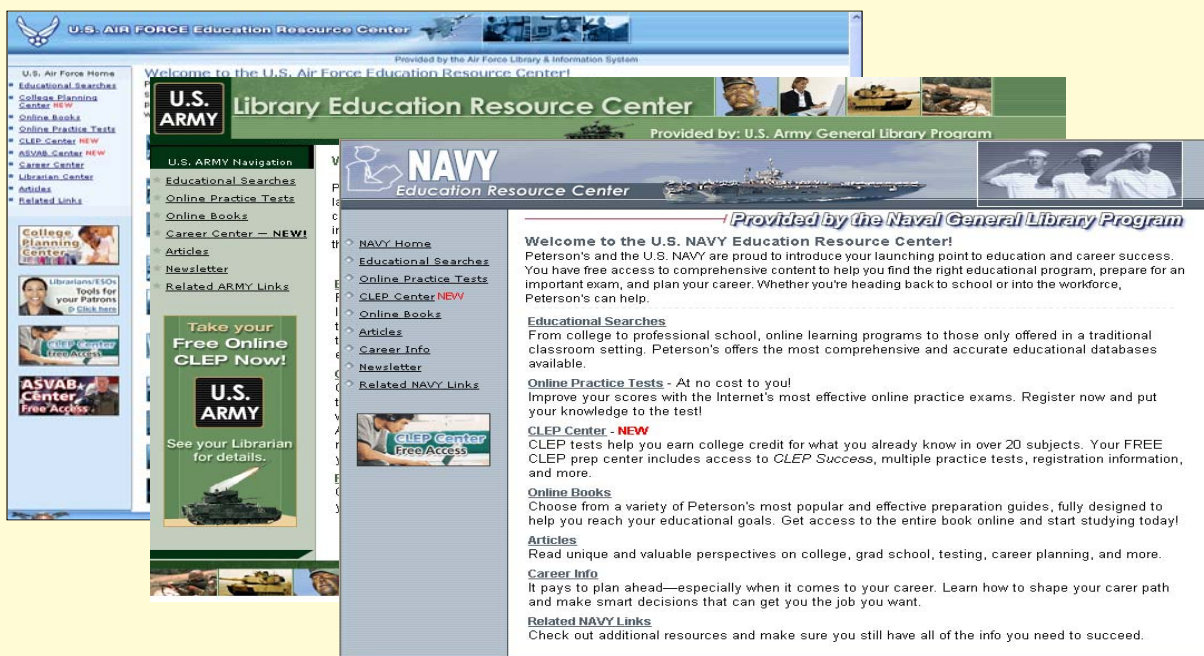
If you have attended a DANTES workshop, please fax your certificate to DSN 922-1162 or COM 850-452-

1162. After you have done one or the other, you can then contact DANTES to get the online version. E-mail [counseling@voled.doded.mil](mailto:counseling@voled.doded.mil) for more guidance and information.





# Reference Publications



## Newly designed undergraduate college search available

Recently, Thomson Peterson's redesigned the undergraduate college search available through the Air Force, Army and Navy online education resource centers. The new multi-criteria search offers a personalized solution to assist users to find exactly what they are looking for. This includes items such as college majors, work-study, internships, institutional demographics and enhanced college and university overviews.

This undergraduate search explores a comprehensive database of information on nearly 4,000 accredited two-year and four-year colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada. A variety of search criteria are available

to find a perfect match: name location, tuition, average GPA of incoming freshmen, religious denomination, and more.

Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC), Army Knowledge Online (AKO) and Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) registered users may access this program online and at:

[www.petersons.com/airforce/](http://www.petersons.com/airforce/)

[www.petersons.com/army/](http://www.petersons.com/army/)

[www.petersons.com/navy/](http://www.petersons.com/navy/)

See the above graphic for each Service's Web page design.

## DANTES Federal Student Aid support

Have you ordered your DANTES materials for the upcoming Federal student financial aid cycle? Probably you are aware that it is that time again. During October, November and December, many students will pick up their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* even though completion and filing is after 1 Jan.

DANTES has three items to support you and your clients:

1. The book, *Don't Miss Out – The Ambitious Student's Guide To Financial Aid*, Anna & Robert Leider, DANTES Stock #2421. The annual order limit is 50. In this book, Chapter 6, The Mechanics of Application, discusses the application process.

The online application has been enhanced (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) and 75 percent of the eleven million applications are filed electronically. Paper FAFSAs take four weeks to process while electronic FAFSAs take only one.

2. The paper **FAFSA** is DANTES Stock #2405 (annual order limit 500).

3. The brochure, *Funding Your Education*, is DANTES Stock #2406 (annual order limit 500).

All three of these items may be ordered by sending a completed DANTES Material Request Form, DANTES Stock #4301, to the DANTES Distribution Center. The Distribution Center's mailing address is on the back of the Request Form.

## DANTES External Degree Catalog news

Add the following to the schools affiliated with DANTES:

### **University of West Florida**

11000 University Parkway

Pensacola, FL 32514

850-473-7468

Toll Free: 888-529-1823

Fax: 850-474-2807

E-mail: [onlinecampus@uwf.edu](mailto:onlinecampus@uwf.edu)

Internet: <http://uwf.edu>

Certificate Programs:

Technology Systems Support Certificate

Teacher Ready Certificate

Human Performance Technology Certificate

Bachelor Degree:

B.A. Elementary Education/Exceptional Student

Education Dual Major

B.S. Engineering Technology, Engineering

Information Technology

B.S. Environmental Studies, Environmental Policy

B.S. Environmental Studies, Geography

B.A. Maritime Studies

B.S. Oceanography

Master's Degree:

M.S. Administration

Criminal Justice

Educational Leadership

Health Care Administration

Human Performance Technology

Public Administration

M.E. Curriculum and Instruction, Exceptional Student Education K-12

M.E. Educational Leadership, Education and Management Subspecialty (ETMS)

M.E. Educational Leadership, (ETMS) Instructional Technology Emphasis

## DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs news

Add the following to the schools affiliated with DANTES:

### **Sonoma College**

1304 South Point Blvd., Suite 280

Petaluma, CA 94954-7464

707-283-0800

Toll Free: 1-800-437-9474

Fax: 707-283-0808

E-mail: [info@sonomacollege.edu](mailto:info@sonomacollege.edu)

Internet: [www.sonomacollege.edu](http://www.sonomacollege.edu)

Accreditation: Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABES)

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Homeland Response and Emergency Management

## The Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) Commission approved the following changes:

College of Humanities and Sciences name change to:

*College of the Humanities and Sciences Harrison Middleton University*

American Academy of Nutrition name change to:

Huntington College of Health Sciences

California College for Health Sciences is now a division of Independence University

Address change:

William Howard Taft University moved to:

3700 South Susan Street

Office 200

Santa Ana, CA 92704

### RANK: they've earned it!

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

Education counselors are well aware of the benefits of establishing a trusting rapport with the Service members they support. A relationship of mutual respect and trust helps build the foundation from which future success can be achieved together.

For Service members, one of the distinctive privileges of earning the title Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman,

the guesswork out of who's in charge. In short, where two Service members are gathered – one is in charge. This aids mission success and clearly defines leadership roles and authority. As Service members, rank is an integral part of who we are. You may have heard the old adage when the salty gunnery sergeant (GySgt/E-7) says to the private, 'feel free to call me by my first name...Gunny!'

Service members know that there is honor in deferring to authority and also come to expect the courtesy and respect that has been earned.

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**“Feel free to call me by my first name...Gunny!”**

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	ARMY	NAVY COAST GUARD	MARINES	AIR FORCE
	Sergeant (SGT) 	Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) 	Sergeant (Sgt) 	Staff Sergeant (SSgt) 

or Coast Guardsman is joining the honorable profession of arms comprising the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Membership into this world-renowned structure is hard earned, not given; and one of the tangibles is the designation of *rank*. Ready recognition of rank is essential to good order and discipline and takes

Many of our VolEd professionals worldwide have prior-service experience themselves, either serving one or more tours of duty, or as military retirees. We all can recognize the importance of addressing Service members by their correct rank.

When was the last time you witnessed that Navy senior chief (E-8) being addressed as 'chief' (E-7). How about that Marine first sergeant (E-8)

being referred to as 'sergeant' (E-5)? To add to the landscape, the Navy and Coast Guard also include enlisted ratings, e.g., Boatswain's Mate (BM) or Musician (MU).

Here are some suggestions to help minimize rank confusion when supporting different ranks and Services:

- Post a Rank Insignia Poster of the United States Armed Services in your office area for easy reference.
- When in doubt, ask the Service member.

For a quick reference guide to enlisted rank insignia, visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/insignias>.

Using care and being specific when addressing our women and men in uniform demonstrates a respect for their daily service and sacrifices. After all, they've earned it.

Thanks for all you do for our Service members!

Do you have a success story?  
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### Military insignia

- result of thousands of years of tradition.
- through the ages, badges of ranks have included such symbols as feathers, sashes, stripes and showy uniforms.
- rank has been worn on hats, shoulders, and around the waist.
- American military adapted most of its rank insignia from the British.
- the rank of ensign originally started with the Army.
- Lieutenant comes from the French “lieu” meaning “place” and “tenant” meaning “holding.” Literally, lieutenants hold the line.

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## Education success stories

Carlton Allen is an outstanding Service member who participates in postsecondary voluntary education, says Lorra Tucker, guidance counselor, 279th BSB S2/3 Bamberg, Germany.

Since being on active duty, Staff Sgt. Allen has earned his associate degree and is within 10 semester hours of completing his bachelor's degree (both from University of Maryland University College).

Staff Sgt. Allen is a first in his family for two outstanding accomplishments. He is the first member of his family to ever serve on active duty in the military, and



**Staff Sgt. Allen**



he is the first member of his family to earn a college degree.

Tucker says Allen is an enthusiastic and diligent student and works hard to complete the goals he sets for himself. "We can all learn something from Sgt. Allen – he is a constant reminder that anything can be

achieved, no matter how difficult the obstacles."



Sergeant Elizabeth Bode, U.S. Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) in Fort Detrick, Md., started her master's of public health (MPH) at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in June 2002.

She received Tuition Assistance (TA) and used her Montgomery GI Bill to cover most of her



**Sgt. Bode**

tuition. "The tuition at JHSPH is extremely expensive. The Army helped support me financially – they paid for a large chunk of my MPH," said Bode.

"My husband is currently enrolled at Hood College for his master's degree. The Army also is helping with his tuition through TA," said Bode.

**Do you want to share your education success story?**

**E-mail your 100-word success story to [pubs@voled.doded.mil](mailto:pubs@voled.doded.mil) and include your name, rank, branch of service, and your duty station.**

**Pictures are encouraged.**

## Navy College loses co-worker, friend

On Sept. 8, Windell Mabry, assistant director of the Navy College Office at NAS Jacksonville, Florida, passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Mabry, 62, had worked with Navy personnel in the education offices at NS Mayport, NAS Cecil Field and NAS Jax throughout his career. Prior to his work with the



**Windell Mabry**

Navy, Mabry taught secondary school and at the college level. He was also a counselor with the federal prison system in Memphis, Tenn.

"Windell really loved education and helping Sailors and their families," said Jeannie Fleming, NAS Jax Navy College Office director, who worked with Mabry for the past 23 years. "He was such a giving person, everything was all about the person coming in through the door."

According to Fleming, Mabry provided in-depth counseling sessions to more than 75,000 military members, retirees, their families and Department of Defense civilians during the past 23 years. He also gave group briefings to more than 100,000 Service members and encouraged nearly 50,000 Service members to take college-level exams that converted to 250,000 semester hours of college credit.

"There are thousands of Service members who earned their degrees thanks to Windell's motivational counseling," said Fleming.

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